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1. Recognition of Communist China -- US Ambassador Henderson in New Delhi has been informed by the Indian Department of External Affairs that the Government of India intends to recognize the Communist regime in China on 30 December 1949. Meanwhile, President Quirino of the Philippines has expressed to US Ambassador Cowen his desire for fullest cooperation with the US on recognition of the Communist regime in China. President Quirino pointed out, however, that he felt it would be imprudent for the Philippine Government to delay too long after a substantial number of other nations had recognized the Chinese Communists.

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